

Post Draft PEIS Activities

Public Involvement continued after release of the Draft PEIS. During a comment period that lasted over 200 days, Information Forums and Public Hearings were held throughout northern California. In addition, Interior continued to hold small group briefings on request.

Just prior to releasing the Draft PEIS in November 1997, Interior discovered that PROSIM, one of the primary analytical tools used in the PEIS, included inconsistent hydrologic input data. Interior released the revised model, PROSIM 99, at the PROSIM Workshop in November 1998.

In July 1999, Interior released the Supplement to the Draft PEIS to display the impacts of using PROSIM99 with the PEIS Alternatives. The evaluation showed no change in the analyses. Information Forums and Public Hearings for the supplement were held throughout northern California.



Agencies that Participated in Draft PEIS Preparation

Cooperating Agencies that Participated in Draft PEIS Preparation

California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Water Resources
California State Water Resources Control Board
Hoopa Valley Tribe
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

Consulting Agencies That Participated in Draft PEIS Preparation

U.S. Geological Survey
U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs

The PEIS is intended to provide the basis for a decision on whether to implement at the programmatic level provisions of CVPIA, including:

- Water contract renewals
- Water Transfers
- Tiered water pricing
- CVP Operations
- Fish and Wildlife Water Acquisition
- Fish and Wildlife habitat restoration
- Water Acquisition to Increase Refuge Water Supplies
- Land Retirement
- Facility Modifications

For many provisions, additional environmental documentation will be necessary to determine site-specific impacts. The PEIS is designed to allow subsequent environmental documents to incorporate PEIS analysis by reference and to limit the need to re-evaluate the region-wide and cumulative impacts of CVPIA.

This PEIS will not provide the basis for a decision about whether to implement (b)(2) water dedication and management or Level 2 refuge water supplies, because the nature of these mandates does not require compliance with NEPA before implementation.

This PEIS alone will not provide the basis for a decision to implement the increased instream flows in the Trinity River. That program is being analyzed in the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration EIS/EIR, a separate and concurrent NEPA document.

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